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SUBJ FOREIGN GOLD COINS

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1. MR. G.J. JACOBSON, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO MASTER OF ROYAL CANADIAN MINT, TOLD EMBOFF THAT ONLY CANADIAN GOLD COIN ISSUED WITHIN PAST FEW YEARS WAS 1967 CENTENNIAL C\$20. GOLD PIECE. COIN HAS DIAMETER OF 27.05 MM. AND WEIGHT OF 18.274 GRAMS. OBVERSE SIDE IS REPRODUCTION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II PORTRAIT AND REVERSE IS CANADIAN COAT OF ARMS.

2. ONLY OTHER CANADIAN GOLD COINS ISSUED BY MINT WERE 1912, 1913, AND 1914 C\$5. AND C\$10. PIECES. C\$5. COIN WAS 21.59 MM. IN DIAMETER AND WEIGHED 8.359 GRAMS. C\$10. COIN WAS 26.92 MM. IN DIAMETER AND WEIGHED 16.18 GRAMS. BOTH COINS HAD REPRODUCTION KING GEORGE V ONE SIDE AND CANADIAN COAT OF ARMS ON OTHER.

3. ACCORDING TO JACOBSON, ABOVE CANADIAN GOLD COINS ARE "LEGAL TENDER" ALTHOUGH COLLECTOR VALUE FAR IN EXCESS OF FACE VALUE. HE CLAIMED NEW YORK DEALERS WERE OFFERING 1967 GOLD COINS AT PRICES OVER \$200.

4. ROYAL MINT ALSO STRIKES GOLD COINS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES (CAYMAN ISLAND IS MOST RECENT ISSUE). REPORT OF MASTER OF MINT FOR 1973, PUBLISHED APRIL 1974, LISTS GOLD COINS STRUCK FOR BAHAMAS, CAYMAN ISLAND, COLOMBIA, IRAN AND JAMAICA DURING 1973.

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